

Statement-II

Year-wise and state-wise Loan released during the last three years

States	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
A & N Islands	0.00	0.57	0.74
Andhra Pradesh	80.55	82.16	194.92
Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assam	23.19	20.04	19.86
Bihar	3.94	15.46	24.29
Chandigarh	0.05	0.00	0.00
Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00
Delhi	0.38	110.83	108.12
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	0.00
Goa	0.00	1.95	0.30
Gujarat	41.43	35.44	46.72
Himachal Pradesh	4.72	20.44	20.67
Haryana	22.60	18.37	22.10
Jammu & Kashmir	6.59	5.44	43.92
Kerala	134.42	144.31	241.71
Karnataka	158.54	222.76	194.55
Lakshdweep	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meghalaya	0.58	4.06	11.48
Maharashtra	85.91	91.62	112.91
Manipur	3.74	3.35	15.59
Madhya Pradesh	35.06	39.21	40.81
Mizoram	2.18	3.35	8.60
Nagaland	7.21	2.18	4.90
Orissa	54.99	24.96	21.16
Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00
Punjab	68.67	35.61	23.19
Rajasthan	63.73	66.59	83.44
Sikkim	4.44	12.82	4.67
Tamil Nadu	184.44	196.16	236.74
Tripura	0.68	0.30	0.14
Uttar Pradesh	75.51	39.96	43.32
West Bengal	58.03	43.86	40.12
Total	1121.58	1241.80	1539.97

Problems faced by AI and IA

377. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the problems that are being faced by Air India and the Indian Airlines at present;

(b) the measure needed to be adopted to overcome those hurdles in order to make these airlines more competitive;

(c) whether any action plan has been formulated by Air India or Indian Airlines in the matter ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) to (d) Air India has been facing financial problems due to increase in expenditure on account of interest and depreciation on new aircraft, reduction in yield due to increased competition and cost of operations, increased landing, handling and navigational charges, etc.

Government have recently constituted a Committee of Experts under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vijay Kelkar, Chairman, Tariff Commission to undertake a comprehensive examination of the reasons for the losses and to develop strategies for turning around the company. In the meantime Air India has taken various measures to improve its financial health such as restructuring of its operations, intensification of marketing efforts, increase in fares, etc.

Indian Airlines has been facing financial problems due to grounding of A320 fleet, entry of private airlines on trunk routes, exodus of pilots, increase in operational costs etc.

A Committee of Experts was set up to examine the reasons for losses in Indian Airlines and to formulate a turn-around strategy. The Committee has since submitted its report and its recommendations are under examination.

[Translation]

Removal of Encroachments by NDMC

378. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether New Delhi Municipal Council has removed illegal encroachments from the roads and pavements in Udayan Marg and old R.K. Ashram Marg in Gole Market, New Delhi during September,1997;

(b) if so, whether these have been re-occupied in connivance with the employees; and